

**REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

**Formal Matters**

By this Amendment, claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice to renewal and claims 10-20 have been added. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification and in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 10-20 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

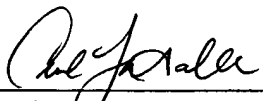
**Conclusion**

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-017CON2.

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